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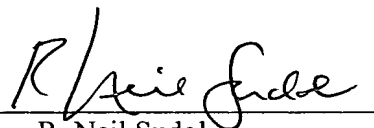
Claims 1 through 16 are pending in the application. Claims 1 and 9 are the only independent claims. The present amendment is submitted to eliminate a multiple dependent claim, change the heading of the claims section, and conform the claims to current patent practice.

Respectfully submitted,

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